

Youth Storefront Project

Dear Interested Person,

We want to invite you to a very exciting meeting on March 2nd to talk about creating a Youth Storefront Project .

This meeting will be a brainstorming session to talk about a possible collaboration between educators, merchants, artists and others who are interested in working with middle school and high school aged students.

We hope to start a storefront project that serves as a classroom, art space, workshop, retail sales space and much, much more! This project can function as a "hub" where activities such as mentoring, learning, working and earning can occur.

We need your input, ideas and participation. We need to meet to explore the opportunities and obstacles. What will it take to collectively create and develop a program like this for our youth?

The Storefront Project can address many issues that keep kids from becoming happy and healthy adults. It can become a focal point for creative and positive energies mixing downtown.

This collaborative approach is not new. Many similar models have been in operation in other cities. The results are impressive. We do however, want this effort in the downtown area to reflect the broad interests and resources that our community has to offer. While not detracting from other existing partnerships, this project can tie together the efforts of educators, artists, business leaders, entrepreneurs and others involved in crafts, vocations, arts and business.

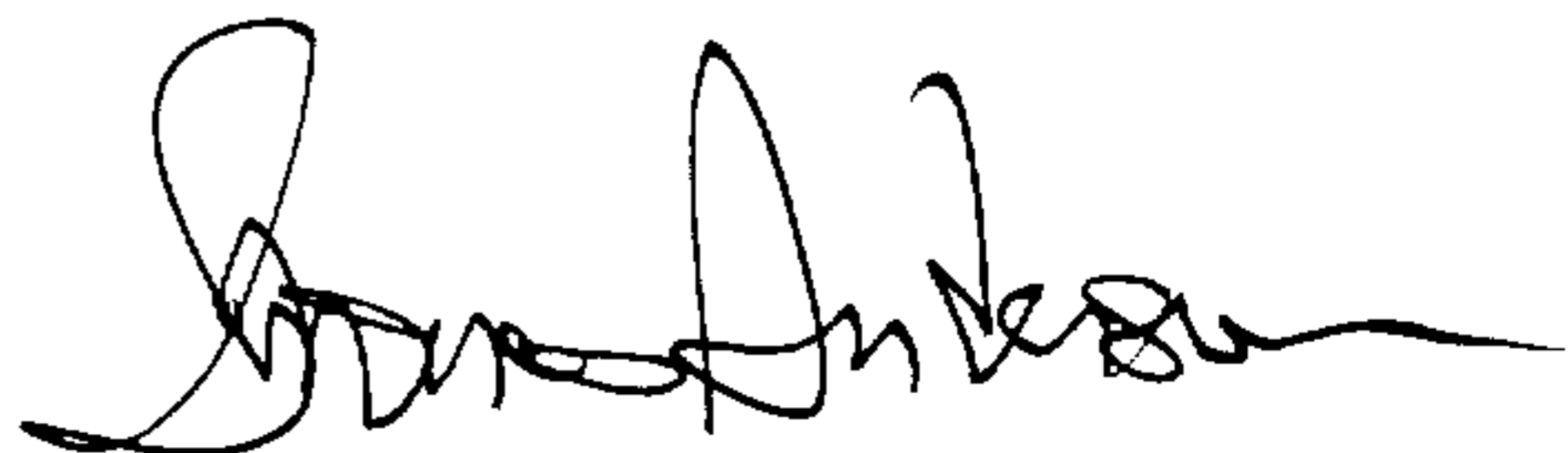
Please meet with us on **Thursday, March 2, at 6:00pm**, in the Pima Prevention Partnership boardroom at **345 E. Toole Ave.** (In the Mac Arthur Building) 3rd floor, to discuss, plan and brainstorm some ideas for a Youth Storefront Project.

Please pass this invitation along to others you might feel would be interested or send a representative in your place if you cannot attend. Please call for more information or questions.

Sincerely,



Dave Chandler
Executive Director
Downtown Arts & Retail Alliance
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Tom Anderson
Project M.O.R.E./TUSD
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March 15, 1995

Dear Interested Person,

I, as a senior at Project M.O.R.E. High School, would like to invite you to the next meeting for the Youth Storefront Project. There have been two meetings so far that have included a handful of city and county business people that have helped generate the preliminary steps in this project.

This project is to provide a place downtown which will facilitate learning, working, experiencing, growing, sharing. It is to be a location easily accessible to young people and safe for spending creative time.

As a senior, like most of my peers, I have no definite course of action I plan to take upon graduating. I've contemplated taking a year off, but fear too much free time will sap my motivation. On the other hand going directly to college may not be financially possible and it may leave me without time to do the things I love like painting and playing guitar.

Possibly my inhibitions parallel or resemble those of my peers. There seems to be an isolation felt by the youths from the "real world". Kids feel powerless. I want to change that.

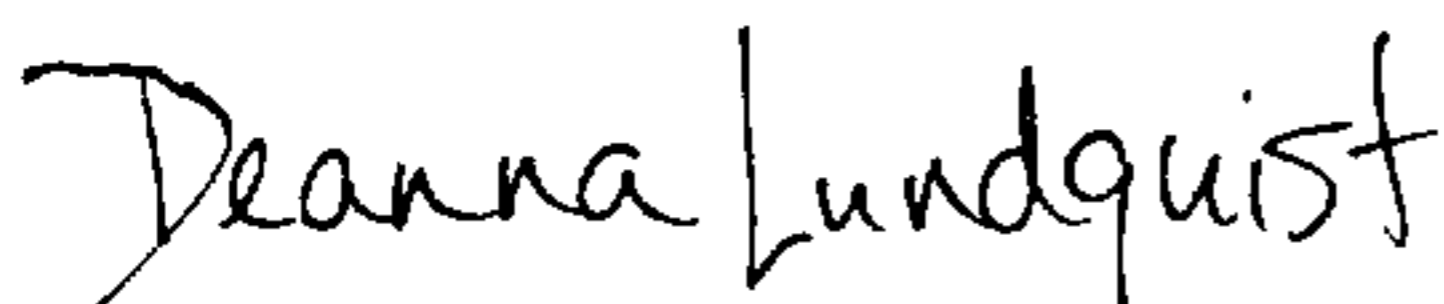
I've been involved with the Youth Storefront Project almost since it was a seed a few months ago. I am excited about its possibilities, especially since I have a direct say in it. And, so can other teen students and non-students.

Mainly the project is for empowering teens, providing positive activities, and encouraging personal growth. I personally plan to use it as a place to make contacts with people and fields of interest so I can possibly figure out what I can and cannot do with my talents in the world of work.

We need help with the vision and the actual establishing of the project. We are encouraging any young people (student or not) to come to our next meeting on March 22, 1995 at 6 p.m. in the children's room at the downtown library. We need to know if we are right on or way off. We need suggestions from youths since it is to be for and by them.

Please pass this invitation along to others you may feel would be interested or send a representative in your place if you cannot attend. If you have any questions or comments please call Dave Chandler at the D.A.R.A. office, 628-1503 or Tom Anderson at Project M.O.R.E., 798-2806.

Sincerely,



Deanna Lundquist

Senior

Project M.O.R.E. Alternative High School



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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Thursday, April 20 1995

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Project M.O.R.E. Library

200 North Stone Ave

On the corner of Stone and Alameda

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1. Project Update**
- 2. Site Selection Update**
- 3. Concept Paper Review**
- 4. Listing Tasks Ahead**
- 5. Open Discussion**

Please join us for this next meeting. We have plenty of great news and tasks ahead of us. If you need any additional information please contact Dave Chandler at the D.A.R.A. offices - 628-1503 or Tom Anderson at Project M.O.R.E. 617-6460 Thanks! Hope to see you there!